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ROME, March 31, 1875.

Rome has become a sad disappointment for Easter pilgrims. The good people have prolonged their stay in Rome until after Holy Week, expecting to see something of the ancient Easter ceremonies to reward them for the penance the pious of them undergo. But Pope Pius IX. still withdraws his presence from the great public, and only celebrates mass now and then in the Sistine chapel and gives his customary audiences. The processions to St. Peter's, the consecration of the palms by the Pope, are of the past, and Easter Sunday passes over us like any commonplace Sabbath. The many beautiful ceremonies that usually fell on this day, the bearing of His Holiness on his throne into St. Peter's, before him borne that wo fans of ostrich feathers. on his head the triple crown, symbolical of the temporal and the spiritual dominion and the unity of the two, are seen no more. artitlery of St. Angelo raise their chorus at the final celebration of the resurrection. Victor Emmanuel now formerly took place from the Castle of St. of course, so long as Rome is occupied by the enter the palace of the Popes:-Italian government, or until a reconciliation is brought about with the new election. THE LOST POETRY OF EASTER.

Rome has lost all its Easter poetry to the visitor. It is now a place simply for religious penance, not of rejoicing and exultation. The pictures of Rome by Victor Scheffel are no longer applicable, though pleasant and interesting to read. True, he describes the Rome of some ages past; but his descriptions held good till the present decade, when the temporal dominion was taken away from the

head of the Church. Now old Father Tiber has no cause for excitement about the vastness of the crowds hurrying over the bridge of

St. Angelo :-Phrough the narrow streets a human Phrong in testal garb and spirit,

Hasteued to the Vatioun; On St. Angelo there scarco was Room to pass, and eloowing on came Dark Signort in their Spanish Mantles, and perruque and racier. Came the brown-garbed Capucines-then Roman burghers-uere and there a Sunburnt herdsman from the neighboring Drear Campagua, and no feit an Antique pride in all his latters; And among these, stepping lightly, Came the dark-eyed Reman maidens Deeply vessed, but still the gauge could Not concent their flary glancing-Oh, what are the glowing sunceams E'en when caught by cuuning master in the burning giass compared with These bright eyes of Roma's daughters ? Poor scathed heart, on stop thy beating! Gayly on the process there fatter'd On St. Hadrian's tomb the standards With the Papat See's insignia-Kitro sad the two big cross soys-On St. Peter's square the lountains Sprang and loamed in ratubow colors, Spinshing o'er the granite basins. TEMPORA MUTANTUS.

The throng that gathered in St. Peter's on Rester Sunday morning was small, and com- Vatican. posed chiefly of undevout tourists and Eng-

the church and entered

Great St. Peter's hely precincts, And, astonished, gazed upon the Grandeur of the wondrous church, where Mortals look such puny creatures In the central assie the statue Of St. Peter stood, and many Pilgrims kissed the foot, adoring. Music swept throughout the aisles, and Through the side door that doth lead one From the Papal palace came the Holy Father, holding solemn Entry into the Cathedral. Stalwart Schweizer halberdiers. Marching, headed the procession, And then followed the renowned Singers of the Papal chapel. Panting meath their heavy burdens Came the choir boys, bearing with them Ponderous folio books of music. Followed violet Monsignori! Then the abbots and the prelates, And the canon of St. Peter's Panting with his weight of body. Tottering on his staff then came the General of the Capucines-a Burden of full ninety years did Rest upon his aged shoulders, Though he still bore many a youthful. Daring plan beneath his skull-cap. With Franciscan paters from the Convent Ara Coll came the Looking down on Lake Albana, 'Mid the shady woods that clothe the Sides of Monte Cavo, stands the Pleasant convent where the heart may Dream unbarmed its playful fancies. As in thought be followed with the Rich procession, and who knows why E'en his murmers did not sound like Prayers-out more as if he mutter'd :-Followed, then, the train elected-Cardinals in purple raiment ; Then a train of cavallers; with File. These were the Guard of Nobles. And the Pope himself approached. Seated on the throne in state the Servants, eight, did bear him onward. O'er his head the pages neld the Brilliant fan of peacock's feathers. Snow-white was his linen fite dress : And he raised his hand to bless the People, who bent low before him. And St. Peter's fisher's ring blazed Brightly in the glowing sunspine.

Gittering swords, they marched in rank and on the long procession halted At the altar, and the Pontiff Held high mass and solemn o'er the Grave of the Apostlo Peter. Sweetly then the chant resounded, And the aged princess-abness Prayed in pious, calm devotion. But lair Margaretha raised her Eves-she thought the music sounded Like angelic strains-she wished to Turn her gaze and thoughts, too, heavenward; But her eye was first attracted To the singers' loge; she trembled, For amid the singers stood a Stately man with hair or blond, though Still half hid by marble pillars. And again she glanced toward him. Looked no more then toward the Pontiff, Nor the red-robed cardinals, nor At the nine-and-eighty lamps that Hang above St. Peter's tomo. "Dreams long gone, why now return yet Dreams long gotto, why do ye gleet me Here in these most sacred precincts ?" Then the singers in procession Fil'd by where the two were seated. "Lord be gracious! He it is. Oh. I know well the scar upon his Brow. It is my long lost Werner!"

THE SWISS GUARD OF POETRY. But stay. I did not intend to give you . iove story-only a few poetical descriptions of Neither the bells of St. Peter nor the St. Peter's, which I believe will be new to you, and love stories, even from Rome, are not. I commenced this letter with the intention of giving you some account of my audience with runs the "girandola" or fireworks which the Pope and my reception by Cardinal Antonelli, but Victor Scheffel has led me astray. Angelo and later from Monte Pincio. The I will, nevertheless, not resist the temptation Pontifical blessing of the crowd from the bal- of giving you the poet's description of the cony of St. Peter's is withheld, and will be, Swiss Guard, who give you greeting as you In the Vatican's broad nallway,

Neath the mighty colonnades, the

Holding guard, as 'tis their duty ;

Haiberdiers of Swissland paced,

Margaretha's eyes graw misty-

On the cold bard floor of marple.

"Heart, why beatest thou so wildly?"

And her limbs gave way beneath her-

Fainting sank the latr young maiden

And their heavy steps resounded Far away up to the palace. To the gray-naired corporal spake a Youthmi "lancegneent," and lamented: Fine we are, 'tis true, we Schweizers, And no other soldier marches Through the streets of Rome so proudly. Clad in handsome steel culrasses And in garb of black-red-yellow. Many a flery giance is sent us Sayly from the palace windows; But the heart e'er fondly yearneth Homeward, homeward, to the mountains, To the Aip horn's gentle calling. Gladis I would all relinquian-Trinkgold, pay, the silver scudi, E'en the Holy Father's blessing, E'en the wine of Orvieto That so sweetly pearls and sparkles, Could I see once more Mount Pliate. See the rocks and avalanches; And as nunter chase the chamots O'er its high and dangerous pathways, Or could wander in the moonlight, O'er the tragrant Alpine meadows, To the A m-nut's pleasant greeting. To the Tennin, to the pretty Appenzellian Cunigundas, And then jodeln, long exalting To the rising sun of morning. Oh. St. Peter's, all thy glories And thy grand old sacred music, I should soon forget it I could Hear the shrill and hollow piping Of our native Aipine marmot,

Still we may doubt very much whether the portionately larger share of his time. He stops often with them." Swiss Guard have so deep this feeling of Heim- to talk familiarly with the persons presented toch as the post describes. The Roman and listens patiently to all that is said to With these words His Holiness gave me his maidens have wonderful black glowing eyes, him. Then he passes slowly, followed by hand for the customary salute, and then he that would win the hearts of even colder men chamberlains and cardinals and Noble passed to the group of Italian nobles kneeling exhaustion that almost startled me. I heard than these same honest guardians of the Va ti- Guards, on through various rooms to the beside me, each of whom had some slight afterwards that His Eminence is suffering can. I wish Victor Schoffel had given us as long andience room, where he usually delivers favor or other to ask, such as the blassing of from Bright's disease of the kidneys, and that weil a postical description of the Noble a brief address. It was my fortune to have mementoes and relies. After each person had Guards, one of whom will be with you before a place among the more favored individuals been addressed His Holiness gave the custhis letter resolves its destination, instead of assembled in the balf adjoining the Hall of tomary benediction, and we rose from our with the affairs of the Church. For weeks which I have only an amusing story from the the Throne, among members of the Italian knees to follow the group of eardinals and together he never leaves his apartments, and

past with pleasant strokes. The two Gorman | Marefoschi has thrown himself overboard in | Church. The personages nearest the Pope only after he had passed them. The entire | emaciated and weavy lady pilgrims of his "Bugler" have come to his despair, but the waters refuse to swallow were Cardinals Patrizi and Meriel, while and entered to topics of purely general inaloft the berretta, has found safety in sitting to His Holiness. astride the body of his floating companion in the ocean. This is a private caricature, and only circulates in the Vatican in a single heavily upon a handsome walking stick, the copy, which quite accidentally fell in my way. Pope approached the group of earnest young under any vows of celibacy.

GARDENS OF THE VATICAN.

so, and am told that very frequently persons | far away. of another nationality are mistaken for Americans, upon whom all the unpleasantness has ing, even if we are not his spiritual subjects, in Rome. to submit to the etiquette prescribed by the

rules of the Papal Court. APPLYING FOR AUDIENCES.

Rome who omit to make the pilgrimage to the Allocation on the evening before the delivery | slaughter of the civil war. Vatican. As a rule they apply to Dr. Chatard, in the Consistory. the rector of the American College, who, "Yes," said His Holiness," I was pleased to pretty well occupied with the duties connected great an interest existed in your country with the institution over which he has charge, about it." is always ready to assist those who apply to Through him I was granted, on Wednesday | in the creation of the new Cardinal. an audience was not for the sake of pro- nature were very gratifying to him, especially curing what is generally styled an interview, now, amid the troubles and persecution of but to thank His Holiness in person the Church in Europe. mark of his appreciation of America, but a would do that; besides, my presence was America. deep interest in the workings of a great needed in Rome, which had still great interest American journal. It was the first favor of for the people of America. the sort ever granted by His Holiness to any | His Holiness paused a moment, and then the truth, a halo of pious glory has gathered who had been despatched with the official no- America of the South." about the Herald, its proprietor and its repre- tification and the berretta to America. sentatives ever since the difficulty you had "How many days," he said, "does it take

THE AUDIENCE.

of the Arazzi, immediately adjoining the men, a few days ago, that Throne Room. The latter is His Holiness' pri- your ABCHRISHOF IS A NOBLE AND WORTHY vate studio. The great public collects in the

HIS HOLINESS THE POPE.

Rome, April 1, 1875. | noticed that he walked heavily, shufflingly, Europe. It is not such an easy thing nowadays to as old men do who have passed mission to procure audiences now present no longer that of a few years ago. The firm usually ends in the Vatican.gardens. only a very limited number of persons. And contour of face has been lost; the features this is well: those that really have an earnest | seem to hang heavily down, and the old, desire for an audience are not refused, while bright, penetrating eye is dimmed and cans. Some very wicked people assert yet live to see the final victory of the Catholic that some of our worthy countrymen have not | Church over her enemies; but I cannot. Pope conducted themselves with the necessary Pius IX. is but a wreck of his former self, amount of grace; have indeed committed but a magnificent wreck nevertheless. I great breaches of etiquette; have refused to would be unjust to myself were I to describe bend the knee when His Holiness deigned to him not according to the impression left upon address them and to give them his benedic- me in my brief interview. Some day, and in tion, and have, thereby, caused no little dis- all probability not long hence, Pope Pius IX. comfort and mortification to the persons who | will take to his bed never more to rise from it

WORDS OF THE PONTIFF.

His Holiness approached the prelate by my to rest. The Pope likes to see Americans, no side, who introduced me, and who, after the matter of what faith, and I think there are usual ceremonies, had the kindness to inform few of us who go to see him who are not will- the Holy Father of my name and my duties

> The Portiff gave me his right hand, which I saluted, as is stiquette. My companion

The Holy Father wished that the great occasions he has kindly imparted to me his he was to hear of the pleasure that that they will listen to our paternal

destination."

I replied, "From ten to fourteen days, Holy The general audiences at the Vatican are of | Father, depending on the state of the winds." various classes-public, semi-public or semi- "Ah, fourteen days!" Then, as if his mind

MAN.

loggia, while the members of nobility, dis- He has the dignity of a prince and makes when he appeared in the best of health, and tinguished persons and clericals, ascemble in a great impression upon everybody when he his features had, as near as I remember, a the room next to the Hall of the Throne. To comes here. This you may tell your people, the latter group the Holy Father gives a pro- and let them know that our thoughts are

THE BENEDICTION AND ADDRESS. aristocracy, in plain dress suits, and a few moneignori and His Holiness through the then when he does it is only for court mansforch, the Grand, young brothers of the Order of St. Cammilius antercome to the long leggia, where some a short walk in the Vationan gardens. Before 1870 he possessed a basining lish clergymen, who said that even the beauti- who is now on his way to New York, ac- of Lellis. A slight commetten in the Throne two hundred persons were awaiting the gen- villa in the suburbs of Rome, where every tal singing of the papal "Kapelle" was companying Mgr. Roncotti with Cardinal Room announced that His Holiness had left eral audience. I need not give you say long afternoon he spent some hours on the flat roof "operatie." How they flutter around Rome, McCloskey's berratta, is a young man not yet his private apartment. First appeared two of account of those audiences, since they have carried for flawers and shrubs, and enjoying

Holding in his right hand and resting Father addressed them in

EASNEST, ELOQUENT LANGUAGE.

depicted will befall the worthy Count and work of mercy of attending the sick in the come to pay him homage. He speaks in being, I believe, still unmarried and not salutation. He spoke a few words to his text the words of the Gospel referring to for he Vatican. each and then placed his hand the Saviour and the disciples at Emupon the head of each in his kind, fatherly maus, and spoke about the necessity of Holiness; but he lives still, in spite of you all." AN ADDIENCE AT THE VARICAN-HIS HOLINESS manner, evincing in a striking manner the our having fortitude and asking assistance GRANTS THE PRIVILEGE OF AN INTERVIEW TO A paternal feeling he entertains toward all of Almighty God in our need. It was a simple, for me to wait Rome, but a still greater one HERALD CORRESPONDENT-HIS LOVE AND AD- who consecrate themselves to works of moral and instructive sermon which His MIRATION FOR CARDINAL M'CLOSERY:-CON- charity and human welfare. I had time to Holiness delivered to his hearers, without any VHRSATION WITH CARDINAL ANTONELLIE-THE observe the Holy Father's features and gen- reference to politics or the present condition Holiness and the new election. I said that I eral appearance before he approached me. I of the Catholic Church in the various parts of hoped to come to Rome on many more un-

The address over, the benediction over, the procure an audience at the Vatican. His threescore years and ten; and, red mantle was replaced, and the audience Holiness the Pope suffers considerably; he is though I could see traces of the early was over. His Holiness then proceeded not at all strong, and the rectors of the various nobility of carriage and happy, bright further along one of the corridors for his colleges and other persons who have the per- dignity of feature, yet the form before me was usual morning's walk, which in fine weather

THE POPE AND AMERICA.

The Holy Father is said to refer very fre-Nevertheless, day after day the long audience | conflicts and disease have wrought upon this | not many days ago some account of the relaferred to, says: - .

On the 29th of November, 1847, the compatriots numbers in New York and subscribed their names | cut off in case the Vatican refused to pay. to an address of homage and admiration to the present Pope, then hardly seated on the throne of St. Peter. And as His Holiness (continues the Voce della Verita) commenced his religious career America and the United States, like all his countrymen), só he has preserved in his heart a special affection for that young and noble nation.

Mgr. Nardi then goes on to note what presented them. But I am assured this is not again. But God grant that day may be still His Holiness has done for the American College in Rome. He established the college in the Via dell' Umilta, and presented it, with the restored church, in order that these young American theologians should receive their education. The present college was solemnly inaugurated on the 7th of December, 1859the eve of the Immaculate Conceptionthe patron of the Church of the United States. A Latin inscription over the door of the college records the fact of the Pontiff's beneficence. After devoting a passage to the South then recalled to the memory of His Holiness American College Mgr. Nardi proceeds There are few Catholic Americans visiting the fact of his having sent to the HERALD his to tell how His Holiness looked upon the

On the 18th of October, 1802, he wrote an affectionate letter to Archbishop Hughes, asking him to employ all the means at his comalthough his time is, as we may well suppose, know, by the desire shown to have it, that so mand in order to bring about a reconciliation of the conflicting sections. "REPRESENT ALSO IN OUR NAME."

he said, "to the people and to the chief of the government the great advantages that would him. I owe him a thousand thanks. On all journal would make it known how rejoiced result from a sincere reconciliation. I trust time and his knowledge, as he does to so many. had been given to so many Americans tions, and listen to us the more willingly when they understand that we are not moved by political or any other temporal considerations, last, a semi-private audience with the Holy He said that he had already received but that the motive of our conduct is only Father, to which I have the intention to thanks from many prominent American Cath- fatherly charity, which makes us desire that devote this letter. My wish in applying for olics in Rome, and the many messages of this they should return to peace." On the 17th of November, 1863, two Commissioners were sent by Jefferson Davis to Rome, with the mission of asking for the intercession of His Holiness. Mer. Nardi says that nothing came out of this for the favor shown to the HERALD a few "But," said the Holy Father, "why are you, mission, because President Lincoln "did not weeks ago in furnishing you with an advance too, not in New York in order to describe the at the same time send an ambassador to incopy of his Allocution containing the nomina- festivities that are about to take place there?" voke his mediation." And now the honor tion of the new cardinals. Not only did His I ventured to say that there were a score of Holiness show on that occasion a peculiar more capable persons than myself there who favors which Pope Pius IX. has shown to

"Perhaps Almighty God," concludes the Monsignore, "is preparing in the Catholic Church of North America a large compensation for the griefs and the losses which it is journal not strictly religious, though, to tell spoke of the Ablegate and the Noble Guard suffering in Europe and in that unfortunate

AUDIENCE WITH CARDINAL ANTONELLA.

The audiences over, I then ascended to the next story above, intending to pay my respects with Prince Bismarck in Berlin, about which | for them to cross the ocean? I shall be glad | to His Eminence Cardinal Antonelli, who had nearly every ecclesiastic to whom I spoke had to hear when they have arrived safely at their expressed his willingness and pleasure to receive a representative of the HEBALD, though the times would prevent him discussing any of the politico-religious questions that are at present agitating the entire civilized world. After waiting a few private and private. The former are given in had wandered for a moment across to New moments in the antercom I was ushered into one of the long loggie, the second in the hall York, he said:-"I told one of your country. the Cardinal's presence. He rose from his secretaire, and after the usual greetings motioned me to take a seat beside him on the sofa. I hardly recognized His Eminence. Two years ago I saw him in the same room, pleasant, ruddy glow about them. The two years that have since than elapsed have worked a sad, marked CHANGE IN HIS APPEARANCE.

He is now apparently a great sufferer from theumatic affliction. His ones strong trame is bent, and his features, pale and weary, seem to show a degree of complete physical he lives under the strictest and severest rogimen. Yet he allows himself no rest and but little recreation, but is continually occupied

these tight-throated gentry of the Gospel, im- thirty, but with an unconquerable tendency | the Noble Guard in undress uniform, then | been so frequently described in the Henand | the beautiful view and the health-giving bibing very gradually the charms that finally to obesity. Some wicked monsignore in monsignori and cardinals, and in their midst and in the religious journals of the United breezes. But the villa was appropriated by hold them bound! And the new Cardinal the Vatican, with a gift for making carica- the Holy Father, all forming a group of har- States. The Holy Father, still wearing a rod the government, and he has since then kept an almost prisonlike retirement in the Vatican. hopes to get them all over the fence eventu- tures, has represented the ship on which monious colors-robes of red and dark cloak over his white garb, passed through the Of the two most prominent persons in the ally, and to all appearances he will get many. the Ablegate and the Noble Guard are making purple and black, and in the midst the entrance to the loggia. The people fell upon Vations, His Holiness the Pope and Cardinal Scheffel describes an Easter procession of the the journey, as in a sinking condition. Count white robe of the head of the Catholic their knees as the Pontiff approached, rising Antonelli, the latter seems even the more

him; they bear up his body triumphantly, Mgrs. Pacca and Cavaletti came in advance, minutes, when one of the attendant mone growth toward. He spoke of the Philadelphia Exposiknowing the precious message he bears the former to receive the permessos in readi- removed the red clouk, and the venerable man ation, of which some pamphlets had been forfrom Rome. And Mgr. Roncetti, bearing ness to announce the names of the knoelers stood in the midst of the room challin the warded to him from America. He spoke of long, graceful, snow-white vestment. Then the interest which he had heard had been the entire audience knelt, and the Holy caused in the United States by the creation of the new Cardinal, and said he should take. great pleasure in reading the accounts of the excitement and ceremonies that would be re-Pope Pius IX. is a good orator, and loves | corded in the New York journals. He made I trust, however, no such misfortune as that priests who had consecrated themselves to the to make these addresses to the people who some inquiries respecting the working of the great American journals and more especially. about the HERALD. He recalled my former Monsignore. The former is a most agreeable hospitals. The Holy Father's features French fluently, though his voice has lost visit two years ago and, smiling, thought my gentleman, and will win esteem and hearts, brightened as he received their customary much of its ancient clearness. He took for presence in Rome was not the most auspicious

'You came last time," he said, "fearing that; you would have to record the death of His

I said that it was, indeed, a great pleasure to leave the city without having undergons the labor and excitement that would be a correspondent's share in case of the death of His fruitful missions of the same kind as the one of two years ago.

"And when you come," he said, "do not forget the way to my apartments here." THE WATER SUPPLY.

Wishing to procure a ticket of admission for viewing the Vatican gardens, which have been for years closed to the public, the Cardinal told me a very interesting fact. Some weeks ago a communal councillor of Romewith an eye for filling up the city treasury, quently to the United States, and to entertain had called the attention of the body to those who wish to go simply to gratify weakened. There is no concealing the great hope for the future of the Catholic which he belonged to the fact that curiosity are, for the most part, excluded. ravages that old age and trouble and Church there. The Voce della Verila recorded a vast quantity of water was being supplied from the public aqueducts to the Vatican, for which no revenue was reroom is crowded with people of all tongues, once noble figure. I would indeed gladly be- tions that had existed between Pope Pius IX. ceived. An excited discussion took place. and among them are usually a good lieve that His Holiness has yet ten years of and the people of the United States. This is and, strange to say, the majority number of English and a few Ameri- life and usefulness before him, that he may what Mgr. Nardi, the writer of the article re- of the speakers demanded that the Vatican should be charged for its water supply like "any other institution." One went so far as of Washington and of Frankin assembled in great to demand that the water supply should be

A VERY UNGRACIOUS THREAT, when we take into account the fact that the Vatican had not been asked to do so. Even in America (of course Mgr. Nardi mixes up South the most democratio paper of Rome, the Capitale, could not conceal its disgust and anger at this instance of narrow-mindedness shown by the wise fathers of the Capitol, and, after calling to mind the fact of the many great benefits which had been at one time conferred upon Rome by the pontiffs while they enjoyed their temporal sovereignty, the aqueducts which they themselver had repaired, the many public fountains they had created, the many works of art with which they had enriched the Eternal City, asked if it were not an insult to the people of Rome and of Italy to thus make demands for a paltry tax on water supply on the Vatican when so many other sources of revenue were left uncultivated. It is very probable that the Vatican will, indeed, pay the tax whenever it is demanded, and in so doing will evince a far more elevated spirit than have the shopkeeping city fathers in raising the question. Legally, of course, the city is entitled to collect the tax; but I think there does not exist any other communal body in the world which would-living among the many and beautiful works of art created by the Papacy-demean itself to send in the tax gatherer to collect

such miserable claims. L'HAU DES ABRILLES.

Cardinal Antonelli did not make any cor ments on the conduct of the wise men of the Capitolian Hill, but simply called my attention to the fact that in the courtyard of the Belvedere portion of the Vatican there issued forth a spring of delicious water called the "Fau des Abeilles," a supply of which was pumped to the uppermost story of the palace and furnished its inhabitants with all the water for drinking purposes in profuse quantities. "So," said he, "if, as is threatened, our water supply should be cut of we shall not be left to die of thirst." We spoke of minor matters and, among other things, the fact that Cardinal McCloskey was preconized before an answer had been received from the Archbishop saying that he accepted the dignity. The answer came two days after the preconization on the 17th of March. The first notification was only despatched from Rome on the 24th of February, and thus no time was allowed for the answer to return before the meeting of the Consistory. This is all I remember.

The Cardinal then kindly gave me the neoessary permesso to visit the Vatican gardens, of which I made use the following morning. Perhaps in some future letter I may give some account of this large and interesting garden, which may be called the prison garden of the Pope. It is a place fulf of lawns and fountains and leafy archways, and long shady walks under aged trees and amid relies of ancient sculpture. But of all the objects to be seen in the garden the most interesting to me was the aviary, with the beautiful snow white doves, which coo and make love to each other, and are great pets of the Holy Father.

THE VATIOAN GARDEN FROM A PORTICAL POINT

OF VIEW. The visit and scene reminded me of Victor Scheffei's description, which I translate:-Over Rome toe sun did rive With

More than ordinary spiendor; Coolingly the Tramontana Pann'd the cypress trees and myrtles In the Papal Palace garden. And the flowers rais'd toetr sunburns Beads again in joyous fragrance. Fountains play'd, the birds were singing: E'on the pale white marble statues Seem'd to be with life pulsating; And the sater with the flute did Raise his foot, as if he wished to Dance apout the giorious garden. Warningly then spake Apollo :-"Friend, those times are lung gone by, and Then wouldst out raise how a scandai!" And Old Rome, across the river, Bathod in happy, glowing sunsbine, Ben to the Vatiens samones. O'er the sea of houses, confines And the many princely dwellings Proudly ruse the Quiring , and Bill gove up in morning frenkness,